18. Promulgation of a law on the lines of the British Indian Wakf Act for the better management of Wakf properties.

MR. E. MAHOMED KUNJU (*Trading classes, Quilon*) said that *wakf* properties were properties donated by religious minded Mahomedans for the common benefit of the community. Such properties were usually dedicated to mosques and schools attached thereto. Their management rested with the authorities of the mosques concerned. But the managers or trustees did not utilise the proceeds from these properties for the purposes intended by the donors but very often utilised them for their own benefit. This state of affairs could be improved only by the Government. The Government were now spending a considerable amount for the education of Muslims. If the properties referred to above were restored and the income thereof utilised for the purpose intended, the Government would be able to get a larger amount than they were obliged to spend and this would be a gain to the Government. The need for a law governing the management of these properties was therefore imperative. There had been several representations on the same subject at previous sessions of the Assembly but it was regrettable that the Government were not taking any action in the matter. The Legislative Council which has been in existence for about 10 years has passed several laws for the benefit of the several communities including the Muslim community. A law regulating the management of *wakf* properties should also be passed before the expiry of the term of the existing Council.

DEWAN'S REPLY: I can only repeat, Mr. Mahomed Kunju, the reply given to a representation on the same subject at the last session of the Assembly. If any member of the Legislative Council belonging to your community asks for permission to introduce a bill on the subject, permission will be given. In a matter like this, it is not for the Government to take the initiative unless the community generally desires it. Government will not, therefore, undertake to introduce the bill you want, unless they are convinced that there is considerable demand for it.

19. Some suggestions regarding the Jenmi and Kudiyan Regulation Amendment Bill.

Mr. PARAMESVARAN TUPPAN NAMPUTIRI (*Jenmies, Kottayam Division*) said that in olden days the *jenmies* and *kudiyans* were living amicably mutually respecting their respective rights. But from the time when the Government began to legislate about the respective rights and duties of the *jenmies* and *kudiyans*, differences arose between them with the result that further legislation was sought for in order to define their rights. It was this desire on the part of the *jenmies* and *kudiyans* that was the cause for four Bills brought forward during the short period of 12 years and one of them was still under consideration. Each Bill attempted to secure to the *kudiyans* as much benefit and advantage as possible and deprive the *jenmies* of their rights little by little. The *kudiyans* being in the majority every time the Bill was brought forward in the Council, the

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